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**325 North Street
Bennington, VT 05201**

The Vermont Veterans' Home was established in Bennington in 1884. It is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The VVH offers a complete range of specialized care services for its residents. VVH goals focus on insuring the dignity, independence, and the highest possible care and quality of life for each resident.

VVH is licensed to meet all levels of care for its residents and the VVH's departments and staff work together to provide those levels of care.

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Do you have a Funny Bone? Have some fun with these Riddles!

- Q: What kind of coat is always wet? A: A coat of paint
- Q: I travel all over the world, but always stay in my corner. What am I? A: A stamp
- Q: What has 13 hearts, but no other organs? A: A deck of playing cards
- Q: Why was the chef embarrassed? A: Because he saw the salad dressing
- Q: I have a head but no body, a heart but no blood, leaves and no branches, I grow without wood.
What am I? A: Lettuce
- Q: What do you throw out when you want to use it, but take in when you don't want to use it? A: Anchor
- Q: What is easy to get into, but hard to get out of? A: Trouble
- Q: What can run but never walks, a mouth but never talks, a head but never weeps, a bed but never sleeps?
What am I? A: A river
- Q: What does December have that other months don't have? A: The letter D
- Q: What sound does a turkey's phone make? A: Wing, Wing,! Wing, Wing!
- Q: What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving? A: The turkey trot
- Q: Fruit comes from a fruit tree, so where does turkey come from? A: A poul-tree



**A
VISIT
FROM
SECOND
CHANCE
ANIMAL
SHELTER**



*From the Administrator...
Melissa Jackson*



Happy Veterans Day.

Thank you to all of our Veterans, current military members and their families for your service to our country. Most of us know that less than 1% of our nation's population make the choice to serve our country and we can never say thank you enough.

I find it ironic that each year around Veterans Day we begin our annual budget request process. Each year I make the same request of you, our supporters of the Home. That request remains the same, please contact your local Representative and Senator and explain to them the importance of fully funding the Veterans' Home. They hear about the wonderful care and services we provide our Veterans, but it will have far more impact if it comes from you. You can find your local legislator's contact information at the following link:

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/>

Ensuring that VVH has the proper funding needed to care for our Veterans is the least the State can do to say thank you for their service. As the budget season progresses, I will provide updates on the status of our budget.

Thank you for your continued support of the home.

Melissa

ATTENTION: NEW MEDICARE CARD ARRIVING IN 2018

In an effort to help reduce identity theft the federal government is removing social security numbers from Medicare cards. The new cards will have an individual identification number. It is very important the facility receive a copy of this new card to ensure timely and accurate billing. Please drop off or mail a copy of the card to our Finance Office.

Norm - Celebrating 100 years !!



That time of the year—FLU SEASON!



Reminders

1. Please wash your hands before you eat, after using rest rooms, entering VVH and leaving, to name a few. Hand sanitizer is available by all entrances at VVH and in all Veteran/Member rooms.
2. Please cover your mouth when you cough. At all entrances at VVH, there are masks available if you have a cough when you visit your loved ones.
3. If you are ill, please delay your visit to VVH and your loved ones.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important matter!!!!

Patricia Babcock, RN, IP

If you have questions or concerns, contact Patricia Babcock at (office) 447-6467 or Pager # 742-0624.



PRESENTATION OF THE SWORD

NAVY BIRTHDAY



**On behalf of the Veterans/Members, we
sincerely thank the following for their
generous donations.**

Our apologies-Please see corrections
Mr. & Mrs. John Zink
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In Memory of Michael Boulger

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In Memory of Joseph Dell

Ms. Patricia Dupree
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sadlo
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Osborn

In Memory of William Praetorius

Ms. Kathleen Praetorius

Events Calendar

November:

9th Molly Stark Elementary
Tribute to Veterans at 10:00 a.m.

12th Family Meetings with the CEO,
Melissa, Crispe room 1:00 pm

22nd Hale Mountain Pickers

December:

6th Community Tree Lighting at 5:30

16th Wreaths Across America, VVH
Cemetery at noon

16th-17th Donation Weekend

MAUMS CONCERT





From Deputy Administrator—Colonel Al Faxon

Season to be Thankful

Life sure is interesting...sometimes you must force yourself to slow down and contemplate the many blessings we have had in our time; for me this is especially important during Thanksgiving. I have a great family and a wife that somehow puts up with me.

I am beyond thankful to have been born in this wonderful country and grateful for the many opportunities it affords us as compared to other countries in the world.



I am very thankful for the continued opportunity to work here with you, our Veterans and members, and this unbelievable staff. Being here with you in our Home is a true honor. Each and every day I enjoy walking, talking, and working for you. Your stories of life are

engaging and truly describe what being an American is.

You built and protected our great nation in its time of need...for my opportunity to be here with you.....I am forever Thankful!

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THANKSGIVING



World War 2



Korean War



Vietnam
(Thanksgiving day)

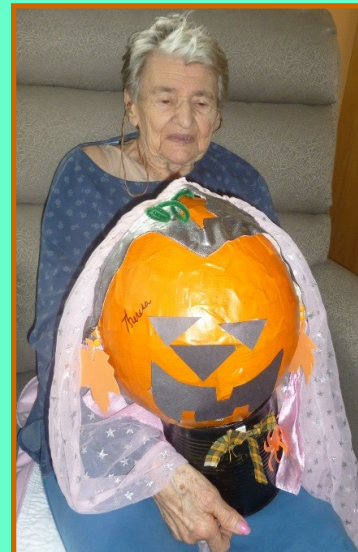


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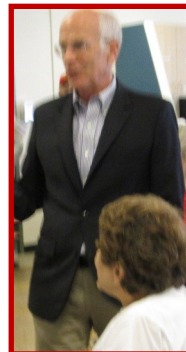
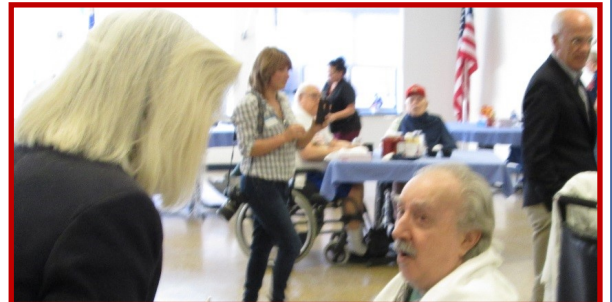
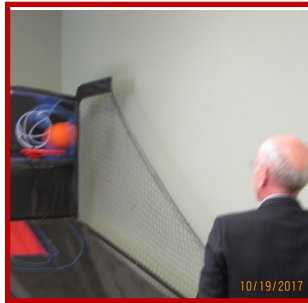
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Newspaper Subscriptions
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Men's belts and suspenders
300 piece easy grip puzzles
500 piece easy grip puzzles
Universal TV Remotes
Earphones for TV and Music
DVD Players
Outdoor Benches

Your donations are gratefully accepted. Please make check for monetary donations out to Vermont Veterans' Home:

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THANK YOU

*Honoring
Those Who Have
Served*

DONATION INFORMATION

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Please indicate to which fund(s) you are donating:

Members Assistance:

Directly to Veterans/Members
Furniture, Haircuts, Clothing
Other personal needs

Namaste Program Fund:

Oils for relaxation
Supplies, Equipment

Unrestricted Fund:

Facility equipment
Large purchase

Activities Fund:

Entertainment

Music & Memory Fund:

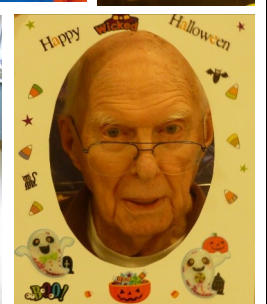
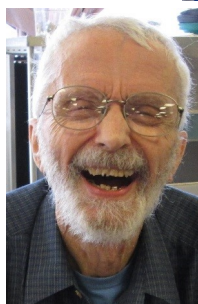
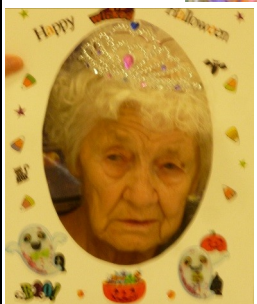
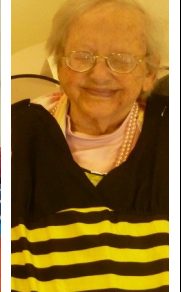
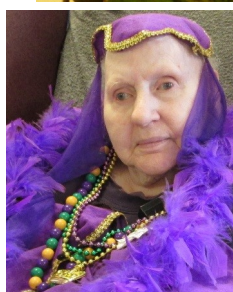
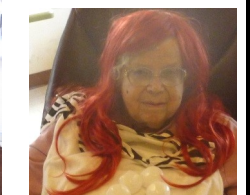
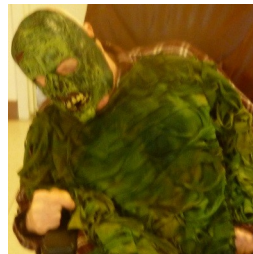
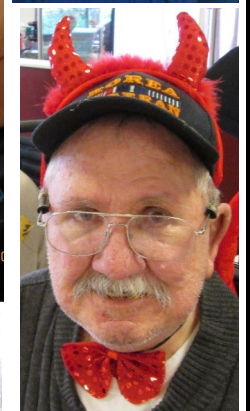
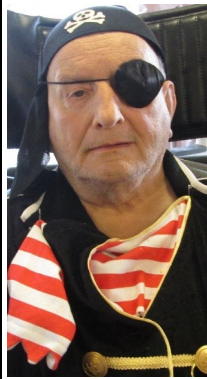
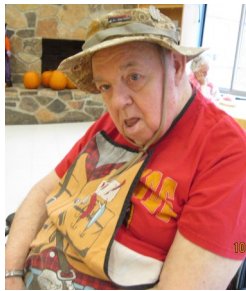
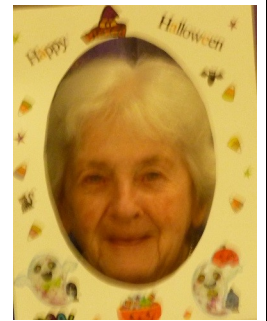
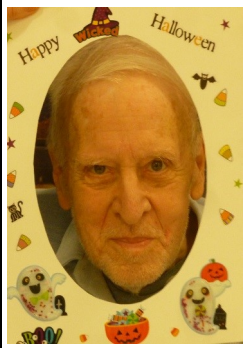
iPods, Headphones, iTunes cards

NEW: Veteran's Mobility Trail

Monetary donations toward
a paved walkway around
the perimeter of the VVH

PLEASE NOTE:

**** We will not be accepting books or magazines at this time. THANK YOU to all who have donated to our Veterans at VVH.**





Travels with Steve

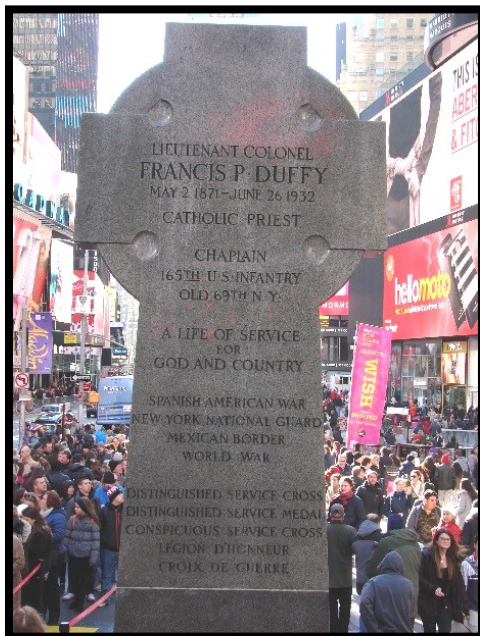


Dear Veterans' and Members,

“And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor”.

So ends one of the most important documents in United States history, The Declaration of Independence. Here we are at Veteran's Day 2017, our veterans who live and work here pledged their lives, fortunes and honor to protect this great nation of ours from all enemies, both foreign and domestic. Quoting JFK's inaugural speech from January 20, 1961: “Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty”.

Again, my thoughts return my visits to many sites both in the United States and in foreign countries, where there are veteran markers all around that I have seen. The markers/memorials are in some interesting places. For example, in Times Square there is a memorial to Lt. Col. Francis P. Duffy who is a Catholic Priest and served in the US Army in the Spanish American War, Mexican Border and World War I. Lt. Col. Duffy's memorial overlooks George M. Cohan's statute and has a great view when the ball drops in Times Square on New Year's Eve.



In Boston at Fenway Park there is a sign thanking veterans. Highways, bridges, roadside stops, airports, etc. there are markers thanking individual veterans or even a battalion.

Quoting George M. Cohan, “My mother thanks you, my father thanks you, my sister thanks you and most of all, I thank you”. Thank you for your service and what you have done to keep us safe and free.

Happy Veterans Day! God bless each of you and God bless America.

Steve